

# Police Investigating One Crash Witness Another

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

This year, for the first time since Little League baseball has been organized, there is much publicity about injuries and accidents that have happened on the playing field. Five mothers whose sons are active in the youth baseball programs were asked, "How do you feel about your son playing Little League ball with all the recent injuries that have happened?"

Their answers appear below, along with their pictures.

Mrs. Robert Sleeth, 24251 Los Codona Ave.

"I think that Little League is the best thing that ever happened to young boys. Those worried about injuries, I would suggest that they compare statistics on injuries in Little League with bike riding, playing in the streets, and other sports."

Mrs. Don Moore, 24446 Neece Ave.

"I think Little League is one of the best activities for boys. In the leagues, they play under supervision with the proper equipment, and injuries are few. They are much better playing baseball than playing in the streets."

Mrs. Robert Powers, 26306 Delos Dr.

"My boy left Little League in an ambulance last year, but he left my home in an ambulance. He was injured far more seriously in the accident at home than on the baseball field. I think Little League is a good thing."

Mrs. Jack Bausman, 24252 Madison St.

"My son has been playing in the youth baseball leagues for five years, and he and other boys like him have been trained to get out of the way of the ball. The boys are much better off on the baseball field than playing in the streets."

Mrs. Richard Brand, 3208 Newton St.

"I think there is danger in any sport or activity, and there isn't any more danger playing baseball than in going to the beach or going camping with the Boy Scouts. Little League is a good thing, and I like it."

## Cyclist Hurt When Struck By Small Car

A Riviera boy was injured when his bicycle was struck by an auto near his home Friday evening, and two traffic officers of the Torrance Police Department witnessed an accident while investigating another one near Border and Arlington Ave. a short time later.

Injured in the Riviera accident was 10-year-old Leighton Rug Shields, who resides at 421 Avenida de Jose. He was rushed to the Bay-Harbor Osteopathic Hospital in Lomita after his bike was struck by a car in front of 411 Camino de las Colinas.

MARCELLA Gana Gills, 33, who resides at 126 Via Pasqual, was identified as the driver of the light auto which struck the Shields boy. She told Officer M. R. Hesse the boy apparently rode his bike down a driveway into the street in front of her auto. The boy received multiple lacerations and bruises, and reportedly received a moderately severe concussion.

INVESTIGATING Officers J. L. Scheibeler and Robert Such were investigating a crash in front of 813 Border Ave. about 11:30 p.m. Friday when a second crash occurred at the intersection of Border and Arlington Ave., a few feet away.

In the first crash, an auto driven by Augustine Rios Flores, 18, of 2214 Del Amo Blvd., hit a parked car on Border Ave. The second car was registered to Helen Pompa of Lawndale.

A PASSENGER in the Flores car had left the scene by the time officers arrived, it was reported. Flores received a cut lip in the impact, and was to seek his own doctor.

In the crash witnessed by the officers, a car driven by John Tennant, 55, of 25909 Market Place, Lomita, was struck in the rear at a boulevard stop by one driven by Pedro "A." Moreno, 21, of 2221 Del Amo Blvd.

Both Tennant and Moreno were taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment following the crash.

## Improvements Begin at Old Water Ranch

Awarding of the contract for the third phase of reconstructing the water distributions system in the service area of the former Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 2 has been announced by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The Board of Supervisors awarded the contract to the Rosecrans Construction Company, 2509 Rosecrans Ave., Compton, at the low bid of \$71,205. There were five other bids.

Chace said the work includes construction of 7700 lineal feet of water main in an area bounded on the north by 240th St., on the east by Walnut Ave., on the south by Lomita Blvd., and on the west by Narbonne Ave.

"When this work is completed, all customers in this area will be served by County Waterworks District No. 13 at a pressure of 60 to 70 pounds per square inch," Chace said.

The work is scheduled to be completed 120 days after the execution of the contract, he added.

## Craft Classes Begin Tuesday

Alondra Regional Park, 3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd., is offering two craft classes for children this summer. The class for 7-10 year olds is from 2-4 p.m. each Tuesday afternoon, and the class for 10 years and older will be held from 2-4 each Thursday afternoon.



CHEST LEADERS . . . Fred W. Mill (seated left), Harbor Area Community Chest chairman, holds first meeting with other leaders, from left, Henry Ley, Gardena city chairman; Harold G. Frenz, (seated) area commerce and industry chairman; and William B. Jameson, Torrance city chairman.

## Top Red Feather Leaders Announced for Fall Drive

Leadership posts for the Torrance Community Chest appeal have been announced by Fred Mill, Harbor Area Campaign Chairman.

Harold G. Frenz, Torrance branch manager of the Bank of America and recently-elected president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will head the Harbor Area appeal in commerce and industry that includes Torrance, Gardena, San Pedro and Wilmington. He has been Torrance City Community Chest chairman for the past two campaigns.

William B. Jameson, manager, Torrance plant, Bethlehem Steel Co., was named Torrance City Community Chest chairman that includes the residential, small business and advance gifts phases of the campaign.

"I FEEL that Torrance and the Harbor Area are very fortunate that Frenz and Jameson have accepted leadership positions in the campaign," Mill said.

"With the support of all segments of this community, I know that the United Way—Community Chest appeal for 170 service will be a success in Torrance."

Torrance volunteer requirements total 1456. Enrollment of volunteers is now under way and persons interested can call Jameson, FA 8-1812, and persons specifically interested in the commerce and industry phase can call Frenz, FA 8-7370.

## City May Sue to Collect Fees for Sewer, License

Unless city councilmen order otherwise, civil complaints against Planning Commission President Bert M. Lynn will be filed in an effort to collect a contractor's license fee and a sewer use fee which it has been claimed Lynn owes the city.

That was the gist of a statement given to the City Council Thursday afternoon by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier who said efforts of the city to collect the fees supposedly due the city had failed.

THE CITY Attorney's plan to institute the legal proceedings immediately was blocked by Mayor Albert Isen who asked that the matter be postponed until Wednesday night's council session.

Isen said the requirement that an owner-contractor be licensed was illegal. At his request, a change in the city's ordinance has been prepared by the city attorney and will be presented to the council Wednesday.

UNDER THE proposed ordinance, it would require such a license only from owner-builders who construct buildings for sale.

The present city ordinance requires a contracting license for an "owner-builder who builds any building, structure, shop, store or apartment for

FRENZ HAS been with the Bank of America for 23 years, the last four as Torrance branch manager. He is a member of the American Institute of Banking and of the Alumni Assn. of the Pacific Coast School of Banking. He also belongs to the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

Jameson has been associated with Bethlehem Steel Co. for 12 years, the last seven in Torrance. He has been manager of the Torrance plant since 1959. He is a member of the Torrance Rotary Club and of the Chamber of Commerce.

remelmeier reported to the council.

QUESTIONED is the construction of a market and allied commercial facilities by

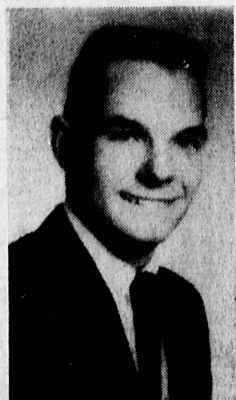
## Suspects Held For Quizzing By Detectives

Two men, one 17 and the other 21, were being questioned yesterday afternoon as suspects in the brutal pistol-whipping of a Torrance service station attendant during a robbery earlier in the day.

Capt. John Maestri said the two men, arrested following a high-speed pursuit by Inglewood police, had been identified by Chester Nelson, victim of the robbery, but neither had admitted the crime late yesterday.

NELSON TOLD police three men approached him at the station, Redondo Beach Blvd. and Crenshaw, shortly after 4:30 a.m. Saturday. One of them pulled a gun and took a money clip from Nelson and then cleaned out a cash drawer.

The victim estimated the trio took about \$45 in the robbery. Before leaving, one of the suspects slammed the butt of the gun against the back of Nelson's head inflicting wounds which required hospital treatment. He was released later in the morning.



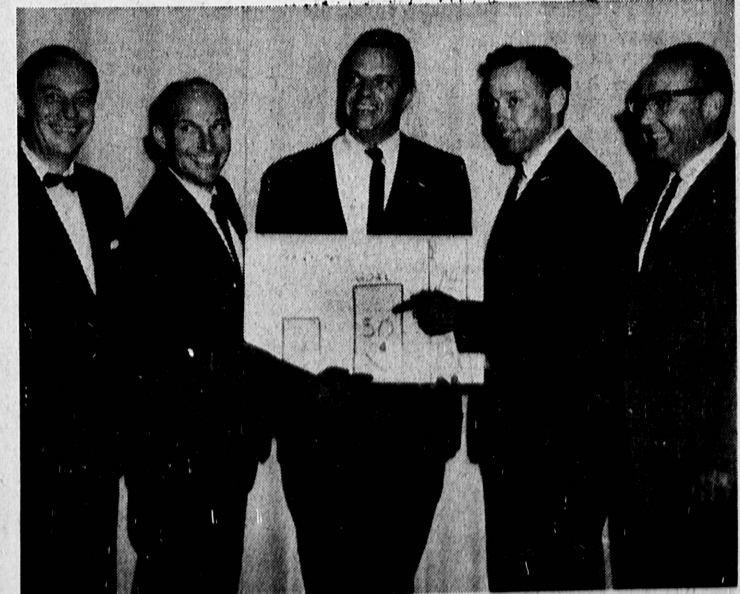
## Hewitt to Attend Air Academy

Jack Hewitt, a June graduate of South High School, has received an appointment from the Secretary of the Air Force to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. The son of Col. and Mrs. John A. Hewitt Sr., 181 Via Monte d'Oro, he left Sunday to begin his work at the service academy. For the second year in a row, a South High graduate won an appointment to the academy. Last year, Michael Robbins won the coveted honor.

Hewitt, 17, was president of South High's senior class, Boys League, and Order of Apollo, student service group. A member of the California Scholarship Society, he attended El Camino College last year under Torrance's advanced placement system. He also was on the golf team.



PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS . . . Members of Cub Scout Pack 310-C of North Torrance who competed in the Pinewood Derby model racer contest and won prizes are Bill Alpenfels, first place; Roger Marshburn, second place; Curtis Foster, most original design, and Danny Weddle, best workmanship. The derby is sponsored annually by Alondra Park. Thirty boys entered the racing contest according to chairman Kenny Matayoshi. Trophies were donated by the United Ducts Motorcycle Club of Montebello.



STEERING COMMITTEE . . . Membership and finance studies now being conducted under the chairmanship of William Belding for the Chamber of Commerce are discussed here by the steering committee. From left are Russell Lund, owner of The Land Co., insurance firm; James Weigel, manager of Security First National Bank; Belding, manager Broadway Del Amo; William Jameson, works manager, Bethlehem Steel, and William Moss, Jr., president of M & M Transfer Co. The local chamber has a current membership income of 25 cents per capita. The national average is 74 cents.